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P. C. Barnard		5 00
H. Kordes		10 00
Free Press Co.		35 35
Fire department	$317 25	
Fire department	296 38	613 63
Hospital accounts		652 21
Relief account including wood		750 50
Incidentals		8 25
		$2,084 49

2nd. Your Committee would recommend that the account of Wm. Cousins', amounting to $46 60 be passed for payment, but that in future no such accounts be entertained.

3rd. That the application of C. J. Beal & Co., for permission to transfer lease to J. Burridge be granted.

4th. That in all cases of payment of wages to corporation employers. The original paysheet be furnished your Committees.

5th. That the petition of Mrs. Brown, widow, for remission of taxes and arears be granted.

6th. That your Committee having made enquiry into the state of the city finance fund, that the incoming taxes are not sufficient to pay off the present liability to the bank, and furthermore that there are a considerable amount of other outstanding liabilities still unpaid, and would, in view of these facts recommend to the Council, and your Committees that the strictest economy be observed during the present year.

7th. That the city be divided into four wards, with Dundas and Wellington streets as the dividing lines, said wards to be known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and that the necessary by laws be prepared embodying this clause.

On motion the report was received and considered *seriatim.*

1st clause read and adopted.

2nd clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the clause of the report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of the account of W. Cousins for two cases of brandy, $28, two dozen ginger ale, $1.50; five dozen ale, $7 50; five gallons rye whisky, $8; half dozen glasses, 50c ; and one corkscrew, 50c.; total, $46 60, be struck out, as said liquers were not ordered by any committee or by this Council, but furnished on the personal order of Mayor Campbell for consumption on the Exhibition Grounds at the late Provincial show. Lost.

Yeas—Ald. Boyd, Buckle, Becher and Macbeth.

Nays—Ald. Hunt, Birrell, Murray, Hyman, O'Meara, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Browne, Crawford, Peel and Sharman.

3rd clause passed.

Moved by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Higgins, that the matter be deferred until after the action of No. 3 Committee. Lost.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. ———, that the question be referred to No. 2 Committee. Lost.

4th, 5th, and 6th clauses read and passed.

7th clause read.

Moved by Ald. Taylor in amendment, seconded by Ald. Sharman, that the clause be struck out.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. O'Meara that the Council petition the Legislature to be empowered to abolish Wards, and that eleven Aldermen be elected by the popular vote. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the question be laid over until the question of frontage tax had been settled. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Peel. that the number of Aldermen be reduced to two members from each Ward, and that action be at once taken to secure the necessary legislation to accomplish this object, and that the present Ward boundaries remain unchanged. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Higgins, Brown, Buckle, Peel and Sharman.

Nays—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Murray, Hyman, O'Meara, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Crawford, Boyd, McBeth, Becher.

Ald. Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, the previous question.

Ald. Taylor's amendment then lost on the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Taylor, Browne, Buckle, Peel and Sharman.

Nays—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Murray, Hyman, O'Meara. Jones, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Crawford and Becher.

The 7th clause was then adopted.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Boyd, chairman of this Committee, submitted the following report:—

1st. Commissioners paysheet, Jan. 26th, $45 76; to Feb. 2nd, $181 22.

H. M Douglas, drawingstone, Jan. 25th, $21, the same to Feb. 2nd $55 50.

Wm. Cousins account, $46 60, and that John G. Scragg's salary be $250 from the 1st January.

2nd. Your Committee recommend that negotiations be opened with the Dominion Government through their representatives for the removal of the military buildings outside the city limits, and that suitable grounds to be provided for the same.

3rd. That the City Engineer prepare a form of permit to be signed by contractors in erecting buildings and to see the provisions of the by-law on page 52, sec 132, be strictly carried out.

4th. That the claim of John McGill for damage to drain amounting to $18 was referred to the Chairman and City Engineer with power.

5th. The City Engineer was instructed to proceed to Hamilton to inspect and test the iron for the Oxford street.

On motion the report was received and considered *seriatim.*

1st clause read and adopted,

2nd clause read.

Ald Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the matter be referred to No. 1 Committee to report as to the probable cost. Carried.

3rd, 4th and 5th clauses read and adopted.

FRONTAGE TAX.

Ald. Crawford moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that a by-law be prepared for submission to the electors, providing that all local improvements be paid by a frontage tax without delay.

Ald. Buckle moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the question be referred to No. 2 Committee to report a scheme at next meeting. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Pritchard, Taylor, Ferguson, Browne, Boyd, Buckle, Becher, Peel, Sharman.

Nays—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Murray, Hyman, O'Meara, Jones, Skinner, Beattie, Minhinnick, Crawford.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Sharman, that the matter be referred to the City Engineer and Solicitor to report at next meeting. Lost. Motion carried.

Yeas—Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Hyman, Murray, O'Mara, Jones, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Minhinnick, Crawford.

Nays—Alds. Pritchard, Taylor, Boyd, Browne, Buckle, Becher, Peel and Sharman.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt, Chairman of this Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. That the petition of Thos. Moulds be fyled.

2nd. That Mr. Philip Cook be relieved of stall No. 18, in Market Bazaar, upon payment of two months' rent, each party to pay their own costs. This offer not to prejudice the suit in any way.

3rd. That Peter McGiade be allowed to transfer his lease in Market Bazaar to Henry Fitzmaurice.

4th. That the cheque of Paul Lawrence be returned him.

5th. That the application of S. H. Thompfon for reduction of rent of office on Market Square be not entertained.

6th. That Mr. Grant, late Hospital Steward, be granted the sum of $100 for extra services rendered.

7th. That the City Engineer report as to the probable cost of impsovements suggested in Chief Engineer Roe's annual report and that one of the steam fire engines be advertised for sale.

8th. That six old ladies, as follows:—Mrs. Annis, Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Mara, Mrs. Dolan, and Mary Mara, now in City Hospital, be removed to Mount Hope Asylum, and that the city pay annually the sum of $240, in half-yearly payments for their maintenance.

9th. That the following accounts be paid:

London Gas Light Co., $1,675.71.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—McClary M'f'g Co., $8; B. A. Mitchell, $8; A. Anderson, (fire alarm boxes), $280 38; H. C. Smith (fodder), $31 81; wages for January, $285.44.